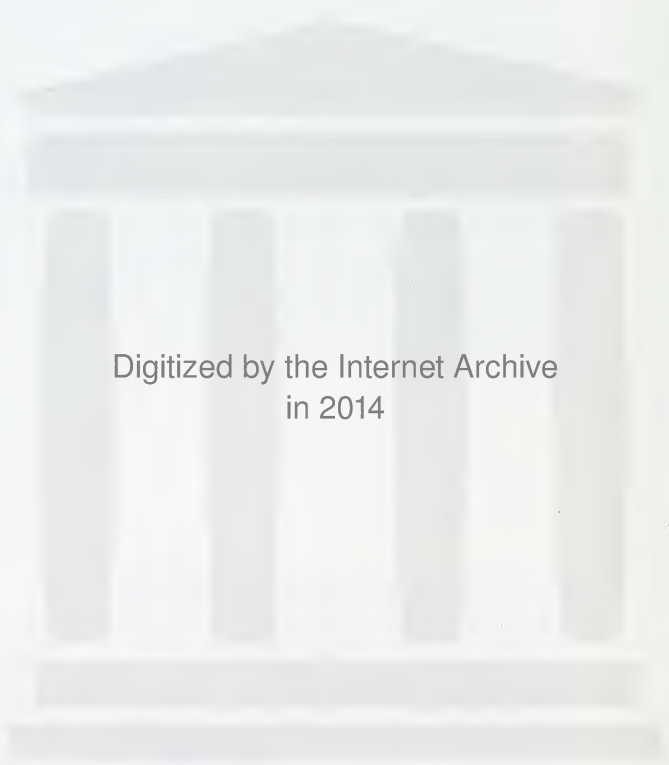




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Report of Town Officers.

Inventory of town for 1897,.....	\$277,495.00
Amount raised by town 1897,.....	\$4,721.00
" State tax,.....	977.16
" County tax,.....	336.64
Overlay,.....	253.34
	<u>\$6,288.14</u>

No. of Polls 272 at \$2.00 each,.....	\$544.00
Amount assessed on real and personal estate, 5,744.14	
	<u>\$6,288.14</u>

T. B. BARRETT, TREASURER.

DR.

To cash of Geo. H. Foster, collector 1897,.....	\$5,788.14
" received for sale of cow, calf, lambs, wool and straw,.....	75.92
" cash received Alpheus Nason, treasurer '96,	383.13
" " " from Waterville on account Walter Wheeler, 1896 bill,.....	29.00
" cash received from Athens on account of F. A. Wentworth and Geo. W. Tuttle, '96 bill,	224.36
" cash received from State dog tax, 1896,.....	54.66
" " " of J. Q. A. Butts, dog licenses,	63.00
" " " " D. E. Decker for pedler's license, ...	6.00
" cash received from Skowhegan on account of Mae and True Stearns, '96 bill,.....	27.95
" cash received of F. J. Horne, highway taxes,	4.18
" " " from Warren Bunker for burial expenses of Orrin A. Bunker,.....	28.00
" cash received from State high school fund,	98.00
" " " " school fund,.....	826.43
" received from State for State pensions,....	312.00
" " " " " damage by dogs,....	29.25
" " " St. Albans on account of Alice E. Johnson,.....	5.00
" received from Skowhegan on account of Stella Gower, ...	8.93
" received from Skowhegan on account of True Stearns, ...	.92
" received for use of town hall,.....	12.50
" " from Clinton, school money,.....	24.00
	<u>\$8,001.37</u>

TREASURER.

CR.

By paid State pensions, Jos. Jewell,.....	\$24.00	
“ “ “ “ Lucinda Gerald,.....	24.00	
“ “ “ “ Julia Thornton,.....	24.00	
“ “ “ “ Gevan Dawes,.....	24.00	
“ “ “ “ E B. Richards,.....	24.00	
“ “ “ “ Rufus Dawes,.....	24.00	
“ “ “ “ Jos. Booker, ...	48.00	
“ “ “ “ Reuben Ireland,.....	48.00	
“ “ “ “ Benj. Priest, ...	24.00	
“ “ “ “ E. B. Humphrey,.....	24.00	
“ “ “ “ Eben Goodridge, ...	24.00	
“ “ County tax,.....	336.64	
“ “ State tax,.....	977.16	
“ “ dog “	63.00	
“ “ orders issued 1895 and '96,.....	228.83	
“ “ “ “ 1897,.....	5,999.97	
Balance in treasury,.....	83.77	
		\$8,001.37

GEO. H. FOSTER, COLLECTOR.

To amount tax bill committed for 1897,.....	\$6,288.14	\$6,288.14
By paid town treasurer,.....	5,611.41	
“ allowance of abatement on tax 1897,.....	35.25	
“ commission on \$6,288.14 at 2¼ per cent,....	141.48	
“ paid by note on three months' time without interest,.....	500.00	
		\$6,288.14

AMOUNT OF DAMAGE BY DOGS.

Paid Chas. Lancaster,.....	\$4.50	
“ L. H. Corson, estate,.....	4.50	
“ Simon Rowell,.....	4.50	
“ E. C. Purington, ...	3.50	
“ Eugene Goodridge, ...	6.00	
“ L. F. Barnes,.....	4.00	
“ Ella F. Gerald,.....	2.25	
		\$29.25

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS.

Expended for schools in 1897,.....	\$1,819.23	
Unexpended, ...	14.36	
		\$1,833.59

RESOURCES.

Balance from town March 1, 1897,.....	\$1.16	
Amount raised by town for schools,.....	946.00	
Received from State, ...	826.43	
Amount due from Skowhegan,.....	8.00	
" " " Hartland,.....	28.00	
" received from Clinton,.....	24.00	
		\$1,833.59

REPAIRS FOR SCHOOL HOUSES.

Amount expended,.....		\$77.84
" raised by town, ...	\$75.00	
" overdrawn, ...	2.84	
		\$77.84

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

Amount raised by town,.....	\$100.00	
" unexpended from last year,.....	50.00	
" received from State, ...	98.00	
" due from State,.....	52.00	
		\$300.00
" expended,.....		\$300.00

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Amount raised by town,.....	\$100.00	
" expended, ...		\$102.06
" overdrawn, ...	2.06	
		\$102.06

LIBRARY.

Amount raised (to establish),.....	\$100.00	
" " for library,.....	25.00	
		\$125.00
" unexpended,.....		\$125.00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Amount raised by town, ...	\$25.00
" expended, ...	\$25.00

PAINTING CEMETERY FENCE.

Amount raised,.....	\$25.00
" unexpended,.....	\$25.00

TOWN HOUSE STEPS.

Amount raised by town,.....	\$25.00
" expended,.....	\$25.00

MOVING AND REPAIRING THE GLEASON SCHOOL HOUSE.

Amount raised by town,.....	\$250.00	
“ expended, ...		\$315.42
“ overdrawn,.....	65.42	
		\$315.42

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Amount expended, summer,.....	\$690.03	
“ “ winter,.....	607.30	
		\$1,297.33
“ raised by town,.....	\$800.00	
“ overdrawn,.....	497.33	
		\$1,297.33

NOTCH ROAD.

Amount raised by town,.....		\$50.00
“ expended, ...	\$40.62	
“ unexpended, ...	9.38	
		\$50.00

TOWN DEBT.

Amount raised,.....		\$500.00
Paid Mrs. Dilla Harris interest on order No. 2, '95, \$14.13		
“ order No. 31, issued 1895,.....	52.66	
“ Sarah A. Goodridge interest on order No. 80,		
‘93,.....	18.00	
“ L. W. Shean interest on orders '95 and '96, 21.22		
“ Watson Goodridge interest on orders No. 12,		
‘94, ...	25.00	
“ R. H. Harris interest on order No. 266, '96, ...	5.10	
“ Benj. Chase interest on order No. 6, '94,.....	24.19	
“ Abbie A. Boston interest on order No. 6, '95, 9.00		
		\$169.30
Amount unexpended, ...		\$330.70
		\$500.00

CURRENT AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Paid G. F. Barrett, 1st selectman,.....	\$8.00	
“ “ “ expenses, ...	7.00	
“ G. A. Maxfield, 1st selectman,.....	90.00	
“ “ “ use of team \$5.00, expenses,		
\$5.00, ...	10.00	
“ Daniel Harris, 2nd selectman,.....	70.00	
“ “ “ use of team \$4.00, expenses		
75 cents,.....	4.75	
“ Isaiah Crowell, 3rd selectman,.....	55.00	
“ “ “ use of team \$8.00, expenses		
\$33.00,.....	41.00	
“ J. Q. A. Butts, town clerk,.....	20.00	
“ Ida H. Brown, supervisor,.....	90.00	
“ F. J. Horne, road commissioner,.....	135.00	
“ “ “ for posting warrants,.....	2.00	
“ “ “ killing 2 dogs,.....	2.00	
“ T. B. Barrett, treasurer,.....	10.00	
“ “ “ for counsel,.....	2.50	
“ “ “ making out papers,.....	5.15	
“ N. J. Rawding, justice service,.....	1.25	
“ Dr. Lowe, services as moderator,.....	3.00	
“ “ “ for certificate of births and deaths,	2.25	
“ Dr. Shean, “ “ “ “ “ “	8.25	
“ E. S. Foster, town agent,.....	3.00	
“ ballot clerks,.....	6.00	
“ Bixby & Buck for blank books,.....	8.00	
“ David Nason, auditor \$1, board of health \$2,	3.00	
“ for books, stationery and printing blanks, ...	7.16	
“ J. O. Smith & Co., printing town reports,....	12.00	
		\$606.31
Amount raised by town,.....	\$500.00	
Overdrawn, ...	106.31	
		\$606.31

SUPPORT OF POOR ON TOWN FARM.

Paid Eugene Keene, overseer,.....	\$225.00
“ Jerry Nason for cow,.....	35.00
“ Isaiah Crowell for two pigs,.....	3.00
“ F. A. Wood for stove,.....	22.55
“ Mrs. Wm. Church for hay,.....	10.40
“ Wm. Harris for heifer,.....	22.00
“ A. B. Penney est. for supplies,.....	2.40
“ E. Walker, “ “	6.06

" Edin Holt	for supplies,.....	31.49
" Ira Patten	" "	20.58
" Nason & Harris	" "	42.28
" Williams, Goodridge & Co.	" "	67.54
" Harris & Jewell	" "	10.22
" C. F. Packard	" "	23.94
" N. J. Rawding	" "	15.41
" T. B. Barrett	" "	37.52
" D. M. Foster	" "	2.00
" Chas. Foster for wood,.....		12.00
" W. C. Fitzgerald for fertilizer,.....		24.20
" Milford Keene for haying,.....		8.75
" for clearer for hay rake,...		1.25
" " bed pan, ...		.75
" Harris Bros. for blacksmithing,.....		4.96
" Henry Hubbard " "		2.95
" E. E. Wheeler " "		2.80
" N. Hall for lumber,.....		4.62
" Geo. W. Johnson estate, for plow point,...		.60
" Jas. Jenkins repairing harness and shoes,		1.10
" D. M. Foster for use of bull, ...		.50
" J. H. Nason " " " "		.50

\$642.37

By sold from farm, cow, calf, lambs, straw, wool,
poultry, ... \$77.07

Cost of poor on the farm,..... 642.37

Deduct above credit,..... 77.07

565.30

Add cost of outside poor,..... 574.74

\$1,140.04

Amount raised for poor,..... \$1,200.00

Unexpended,..... 59.96

\$1,200.00

INVENTORY OF GOODS ON FARM, MARCH 1, 1898.

1 horse, 2 cows, 1 heifer, 25 sheep, 10 tons hay, 2 tons straw,
30 hens, 2 hogs, 100 lbs. pork, 40 bushels oats, 10 bushels barley, 7
bushels India wheat, 20 bushels corn, 8 bushels beans.

There are six paupers on the farm at present. 47 tramps
have been fed and lodged on the farm the past year. No. of
meals 172.

SUPPORT OF POOR OFF THE FARM.

Paid for Orrin A. Bunker,.....	\$71.67
" " Florence Hodgton and boy,.....	106.00
" " Cynthia Priest,.....	26.21
" " Emma Booker, burial,.....	25.00
" " Mark Gerald, ...	37.87
" " Abbie Martin, (including doctor's bill),	43.57
" " Mrs. Chapin Buzzell,.....	26.65
" " Reuben Ireland, ...	21.04
" " Flora Maxwell, ...	10.98
" " Eben Goodridge,.....	5.93
" " Joseph Booker,.....	16.11
" " Mrs. Chas. Lewis,.....	58.42
" " Paul Ramsdell,.....	2.00
" " Fred A. Priest, (including doctor's bill),	13.75
" " Mrs. Othoniel Smith,.....	10.75
" " Darius Whitten, ...	7.00
" " James Booker, doctor's bill,.....	29.25
" " Otis Ellis, ...	2.00
" " Winfield S. Goodridge, (including doctor's bill), ...	60.50

 \$574.74

SUPPORT OF POOR OF OTHER TOWNS.

Paid for Mrs. Roswell Hall,.....	\$95.41
" " Sumner Whitney,.....	6.48
" " Eben Richards,.....	29.00
" " Joseph St.Cyr, ...	40.19
" " Joseph Badger,.....	12.00
" " Geo. W. Tuttle,.....	32.00
" " Joseph Whitney, ...	5.00
" " Fred A. Wentworth,.....	5.93
" " Lewis Green,.....	16.00
" " Clara Greenlaw, ...	118.06

 \$360.07

BILLS CONTRACTED BEFORE MARCH 1st, 1897:

Paid Wm. Jewell for labor on highway,.....	\$2.50
" Henry Nason " " " "	2.00
" L. C. Webb " " " "	5.10
" J. D. Rawles & Co. for glass,.....	1.23
" W. W. Nason, abatement of '96 taxes,.....	4.00

 \$14.83

LIABILITIES.

Due Athens on account Warren Phelps,.....	\$33.93
“ on Selectmen's orders, 1393 and '94,.....	1,228.02
“ “ “ “ 1895,.....	665.31
“ “ “ “ 1897,.....	544.34
	\$2,471.6

RESOURCES.

Due from Dover or Atkinson on account of Mrs. Rosewell Hall,.....	\$117.31
Due from Hartland on acct. Sumner Whitney,..	6.48
“ “ Burnham on account of Eben Richards,	29.00
“ “ Lewiston on account of Joseph St. Cyr,	48.19
“ “ Sebec on account of Joseph Badger,..	12.00
“ “ Athens on account of Geo. W. Tuttle,..	32.00
“ “ Fairfield on account of Joseph Whit- ney,.....	5.00
“ “ Athens on account of Fred A. Went- worth,.....	5.93
“ “ Monson on account of Lewis Green,..	16.00
“ “ Walter Hubbard on account of Blanche Hubbard,.....	39.00
“ “ City of Calais on acct. of Clara Green- law,.....	283.75
Amt. due from Hartland school fund,.....	23.00
“ “ “ State high school fund,.....	52.00
“ “ “ Skowhegan school fund,.....	8.00
Cash in treasury,.....	83.77
	\$766.43
Balance against town,.....	\$1,705.17
	\$2,471.60

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. A. MAXFIELD,	} Selectmen of Canaan.
DANIEL HARRIS,	
ISAIAH CROWELL,	

We having carefully examined the accounts of the Selectmen of Canaan for the year ending March 1st, 1898, hereby certify that we have found them correct in every respect.

DAVID NASON AND L. W. SHEAN, AUDITORS.

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

For the Year Ending March, 1898.

Amount of money appropriated by the town,.....	\$946.00
“ “ “ received from the State,.....	826.43
“ “ “ due from Skowhegan,.....	8.00
“ “ “ received from Clinton,.....	24.00
“ “ “ due from Hartland,.....	28.00
“ “ “ “ from last year,.....	1.16

Total amount,.....\$1,833.59

AMOUNT OF MONEY EXPENDED.

For teachers' salary and board,.....	\$1,551.00
“ wood for the several districts,.....	90.00
“ chalk, brooms, pails, etc.,.....	7.27
“ building fires,.....	26.70
“ Sundry account,.....	21.52
“ carrying scholars from No. 5, to village school,.....	52.00
“ carrying scholars from No. 7 to No. 6 and No. 8,.....	52.74
“ tuition of Thomas Booker's children in Cornville,.....	18.00

Total amount expended,.....\$1,819.23

Amount unexpended,.....\$14.36

Amount expended for text books,.....102.06

Amount of money appropriated by the town for text
books,.....\$100.00

Amount overdrawn,.....\$2.06

Amount of money expended for repairs,.....77.84

“ “ “ appropriated for repairs,.....\$75.00

Amount overdrawn,.....\$2.84

Amount appropriated for moving and repairing the Gleason school house,.....	\$250.00
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AMOUNT EXPENDED:

Paid Reynolds and Gerald for moving and repairing school house,.....	\$160.00
" T. B. Barrett for lot,.....	100.00
" Frank Gerald for building shed,.....	36.00
" S. L. Fowler for granite,.....	4.08
" Frank Bragg, labor,.....	3.84
" Frank Weymouth, labor,.....	1.00
" Henry Johnson, stove and labor,.....	8.50
" Albert Goodridge, tree for shoes, ...	2.00
Total amount expended,.....	\$315.42
Amount overdrawn,.....	\$65.42

AMOUNT OF MONEY EXPENDED FOR TEACHERS.

SALARY AND BOARD.

DISTRICT No. 1.

The summer term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Lottie Jewell. Wages,(including board) \$5.50 per week,	\$44.00
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The fall and winter terms of 8 and 7 weeks respectively were taught by Miss Susie Tozier. Wages, (including board) \$6.50 per week,.....	\$97.50
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DISTRICT No. 2.

The summer and fall terms of 8 weeks each, and winter term of 7 weeks were taught by Miss Lovina Hussey. Wages, (including board) for summer term, \$5.50 per week,.....	\$44.00
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For fall and winter terms, (including board), \$6.50 per week,.....	\$97.50
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DISTRICT No. 3.

The summer and fall terms of 8 weeks each, and winter term of 7 weeks were taught by Miss Anna Nelson. Wages, (including board), for summer term, \$5.50 per week, ...	\$44.00
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Wages, (including board), for fall and winter terms, \$6.50 per week,.....	\$97.50
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DISTRICT No. 4.

The fall term of 10 weeks and winter term of 12 weeks were taught by Miss Nellie Holt. Wages, (including board) for fall term, \$5.50, per week,.....	\$55.00
Wages, (including board), for winter term \$6.50 per week,.....	\$78.00

DISTRICT No. 6—GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

The summer term of 6 weeks was taught by Mr. Matthew McCarthy of Bangor. Wages, (excluding board), \$33.33 ¹ / ₃ per month,.....	\$50.00
Cost of board,.....	\$15.00
The fall term of 8 weeks and winter term of 6 weeks were taught by Mr. Geo. L. Goss of Bangor. Wages, (excluding board), \$26.00 per month,.....	\$91.00
Cost of board,.....	\$26.50

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

The summer term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Susie Tozier. Wages, (including board), \$5.50 per week,.....	\$44.00
The fall term of 8 and winter term of 7 weeks were taught by Mrs. Addie Nason. Wages, (including board), \$6.50 per week,.....	\$97.50

DISTRICT No. 8.

The summer and fall terms of 8 weeks, each and winter term of 7 weeks were taught by Miss Edith Maxwell. Wages, (including board), for summer term, \$5.50 per week,.....	\$44.00
For fall and winter terms, (including board), \$6.50.....	\$97.50

DISTRICT No. 9.

All three terms were taught by Miss Blanche Hall. The summer and fall terms were 8 weeks each, the winter term 7 weeks. Wages (including board), for summer term, \$5.00 per week,.....	\$40.00
For the fall and winter term (including board), \$5.50 per week,.....	\$82.50

DISTRICT No. 10.

The summer term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Effie Crowell. Wages, (including board), \$5.50 per week,....	\$44.00
The fall and winter terms of 8 and 7 weeks respectively, were taught by Miss Lottie Jewell, Wages, (including board), \$6.50 per week,.....	\$97.50

DICTRICT No. 11.

The three terms of 8, 8 and 7 weeks respectively, were taught by Miss Rosa Nason. Wages, (including board), for spring \$5.00 per week,..... \$40.00
 For fall and winter, (including board), \$5.50 per week, \$82.50

DISTRICT No. 12.

The summer term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Addie Jewell. Wages, (including board), \$5.50 per week, ... \$44.00

The fall term of 8 weeks was taught by Miss Maud Moore. Wages, (including board), \$6.50 per week,.... \$52.60

The winter term of 7 weeks was taught by Miss Viola Brock. Wages, (including board), \$6.50 per week,.... \$45.50

Total amount, ... \$1,551.00

Amount of money appropriated by the town for free high school,.....\$100.00

Amount unexpended from last year,..... 50.00
 \$150.00

Amount received from State for the year 1897,....\$98.00
 Due. " " " " " 52.00

\$300.00

The three terms of 8 weeks each were taught by Mr. Matthew McCarthy of Bangor. Wages, (excludng board,) \$40.00 per mcnth, ...\$240.00
 Cost of board, ... 60.00

Total amount expended,..... \$300.00

We feel justified in reporting the work done in our schools during the past year as satisfactory, yet in one or two instances we cannot help believing that had stricter discipline been enforced better results would have been obtained.

The committee has endeavored to place our best teachers in the schools, but in one or two cases, inexperienced teachers were employed who were fairly successful.

In all the schools interest and enthusiasm have been shown by the pupils and teachers.

When the parents realize more fully that a duty devolves on them, as well as on the teachers and supervisor, that their assistance is necessary in securing regular and punctual attendance, then, and only then, can we attain the greatest success in our school work.

Public opinion either aids or hinders the progress of our schools.

Just here we would urge the parents to visit the schools frequently and see the work done there, and also to use their influence for the advancement of education this coming year.

TEXT BOOKS.

At the beginning of the year many of the text books were found to be unfit to place in the hands of the pupils. To furnish the necessary books to take the place of those worn out, and to provide books for the High School, we have overdrawn the appropriation a very little.

The Spellers, First Readers, Harper's Geographies are now in a poor condition. Some of our books are out of date and not such as will produce the best results in our schools.

The *best books* are *none* too good for the pupils and a few changes, on a gradual scale, might be made when the committee is obliged to buy new books.

In regard to moving the Gleason schoolhouse from No. 5 to the village we would say, that although the cost of moving and repairing the school building exceeded the amount appropriated, it seems to the committee that the money has been well spent for the schoolhouse as it stands now is one of the best in town.

FREE HIGH SCHOOL.

For the past year our high school has been under the instruction of Matthew McCarthy of Bangor.

We do not hesitate in pronouncing this school a decided success. The pupils have been interested and have shown a desire for a higher education than can be obtained in our common schools. A number of the pupils come from our district schools and if the school should continue we have no doubt a larger attendance would be shown each succeeding year.

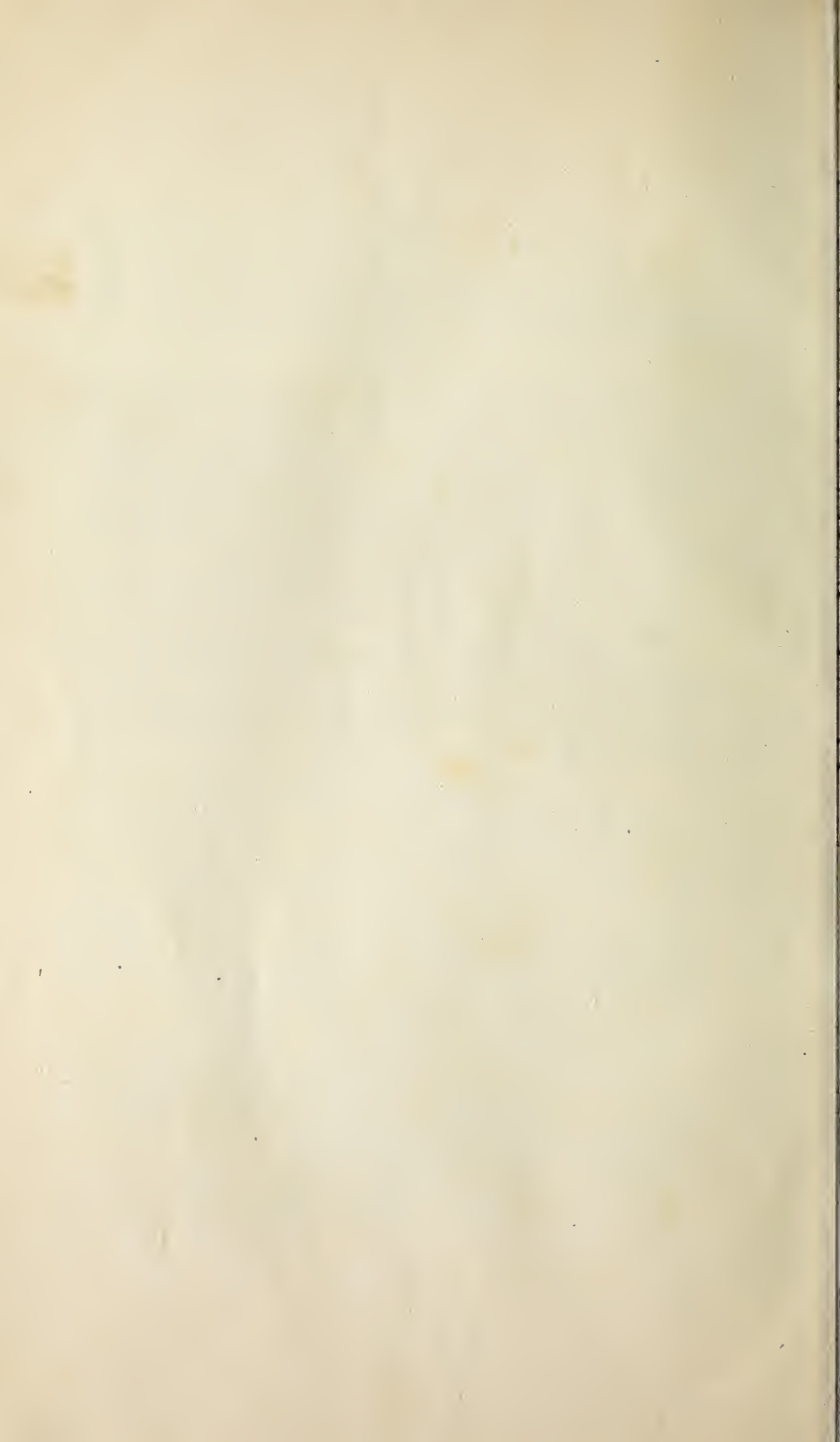
There is no reason why our high school need not rank among the best if parents and citizens lend their aid.

While we believe in economy in our schools still we cannot afford to have poor schools. We can only secure good schools by employing competent teachers, and having suitable books and these we can only have by paying for the best and the best we must have in this great work of education.

Respectfully submitted,

IDA H. BROWN,

Supervisor of Schools.





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